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SUBJ: WORLD POPULATION YEAR NEWS SERVICE

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1. IN RESPONSE TO REFTEL

NATCOM FOR UNESCO AND DISCUSSED WORLD POPULATION NEWS SERVICE WITH DIRECTOR MAHMOUD AMRAN. HE STATED THAT ONLY ONE ISSUE OF THE PUBLICATION (JANUARY 1974) HAS

BEEN TRANSLATED INTO ARABIC. IT IS AT THE PRINTERS AT THIS JUNCTURE AND 5,000 COPIES ARE EXPECTED TO BE DELIVERED JUGUST 17. AMRAN STATES THAT PUBLICATION WILL BE SENT TO LEADING NEWSPAPERS IN EGYPT AND THE ARAB WORLD. IT WILL ALSO BE DISTRIBUTED TO OTHER NEWS MEDIA AND INTERESTED ORGANIZATIONS.

2. AMRAN INDICATED THAT THERE HAS BEEN A GAP IN THE RECEIPT OF THE NEWS SERVICE EDITIONS. HE HAS RECEIVED JANUARY AND JUNE 1974 ISSUES, BUT NOTHING IN BETWEEN. HE REQUESTED ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING OTHER ISSUED PROMPTLY. AMRAN SAID THAT ALTHOUGH PRESENT PRINTING ID 5,0#0 COPIES HE HOPES TO RAISE THIS NUMBER TO 8,000 FOR FUTURE ISSUES.

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EDITION NOW BEING PRINTED ALSO SIMPLY USED ALL

MATERIAL IN JANUARY ISSUE. IN FUTURE HE HOPES HIS
INFORMATION OFFICE WILL BE MORE SELECTIVE IN USING

MATERIAL SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED FOR ARAB COUNTRIES.

3. WHEN ASKED ABOUT CURRENT PRINTING AND
POSSIBILITY OF SEEING FIRST PROOFS, AMRAN STATED PROOFS

WERE IN THE PROCESS OF BEING CORRECTED AND PRINTING
WAS DONE THROUGH ORGANIZATION AFFILIATED WITH
EGYPTIAN NATCOM LOCATED ELSEWHERE.

4. IN DISCUSSING OPERATION OF NEWS SERVICE AND
ARRANGEMENT WITH US NATCOM TO COVER EXPENSES, EMBOFF
SAW LETTER OF JUNE 14 IN FILE FROM JOHN UPSTON WHICH
WAS QUITE EXPLICIT IN INDICATING ARRANGEMENTS WHICH
WERE TO BE CARRIED OUT. WHILE IT IS HOPED THAT
THERE WILL BE ADEQUATE FOLLOW-THROUGH BY EGYPTIAN
NATCOM, IMPRESSION GAINED IS THAT THERE HAS BEEN
CONSIDERABLE SPINNING OF WHEELS. WE HAVE REQUESTED
AMRAN TO SEND US A COPY OF JANUARY EDITION IN ARABIC
WHEN RECEIVED.
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